

With the Clergy and Laymen

DR. SCUDDER DELIVERS HIS ANNUAL MESSAGE TO CHURCH

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Given to others, \$42,455. Spent on itself, \$17,268. This is a brief summary of the manner in which the finances of Central Union church were handled in 1915, according to the annual message of Dr. Doremus Scudder, the pastor, which has been printed and sent to all members of the organization.

Throughout his message, Dr. Scudder emphasized the success with which the church met last year. The message, in part, is as follows: "From the point of view of pastoral activity the year 1915 has been the most crowded with duties of any year minister has known since the beginning of his service in Central Union church. The skeleton features of the year's ministry which are all that can be tabulated are: Number of marriages solemnized, 12; number of funeral services conducted, 13; number of children baptized, 14; number of pastoral calls, 1478.

"The last figure represents by an excess of 170 the highest figure ever reached in one year and means 123 calls per month. Your minister has never more fully enjoyed this form of service and has found it more helpful than ever. When the fall opened it was evidenced that there was a readiness for a deeper spiritual experience in the hearts of many of our people. Hence when William Waterhouse arrived in the city with his unique proposition to present the church of his early years with a Christmas gift of an evangelistic campaign under Messrs. John Edward Brown and C. P. Curry, it all seemed to fit in with that which had already been silently progressing among our constituency.

Campaign Results. "The chief result of the two weeks' service seems to be the growth of a larger spirit of welcome among us, a melting of formality into cordiality, a new conviction of the value of the great Christian fundamentals and a readiness to make the church more truly all things to all men. The Endeavor Society in especial has been thoroughly stirred.

"During the fall we have had larger prayer meetings than ever before since this pastorate began. This seems due to three features that have been introduced into the scheme of the mid-week service. By breaking up our membership into four classes and asking each class to be present once a month, we have presented an old-time duty in a fresh and practical light. By devoting the opening third of the hour to prayer and communion we have spiritualized the entire service. By laying out a definite program of selected subjects and securing the cooperation of many people in unfolding the topic, we have given variety and deepened interest.

"After careful pruning our membership figures show a net gain of 33 in an accession of 79. Among the newcomers the men lead the women by 43 to 36. Of the 40 who united on confession 24 were men. We have for years slowly been moving in the direction of more accessions from the sterner sex. This is to be expected in a city where men so largely predominate in numbers as they do in Honolulu.

Benevolent Record. "Our benevolent record is a good one. Special offerings like those for the Nauru Bible and hymn book and for Armenian relief raised our foreign total over that of 1914 by \$2448. In 1915 we ought to return to our pledge of \$6000 as a regular offering for the American Board. The unusual prosperity enjoyed by the islands should make this easily possible. Last year we failed by \$2078 to reach this figure. Our contributions to home missions totaled \$29,013—less in 1915 than during 1914 by \$8955. This was due to some special extras in that year. This cuts our total benevolences to \$42,455, a reduction of \$6801, but leaves us giving \$375 more to others than in 1913. We spent on ourselves \$17,268, less than last year by \$770.

"The growth of the ministry of our church is shown in part by the demands made upon our office. These have so increased that we find it impossible at times to carry the load without resort to extra help which has had to be engaged. Few of our people realize the very large amount of work that Central Union is doing.

Musical Needs. "First of all we have come to the pass where we must have a musical director to take over the entire conduct of our church music. Last year we paid \$2300 for music at our church services and in the Bible school. What did we get out of it? Not a little pleasure for lovers of music among us and some inspiration for those trained to appreciate the spiritual side of harmonic sound. But neither our church nor Bible school made any appreciable progress towards realizing the aim of church music. Our singing is not a whit better. Our children have not been trained as they should be. When recently we called for a chorus very few responded. In fact our church is musically dead. And it costs us usually about \$3400 a year to keep it from being resurrected. The rea-



Dr. Doremus Scudder, pastor of Central Union Church.

MEN'S LEAGUE SUMS UP WORK OF PAST YEAR

A summary of the work which has been done by the Men's League of Central Union church is given in the following annual report of Arthur L. Andrews, vice-chairman of the organization:

"At the time of the annual meeting of the Men's League, its chairman, Dr. W. C. Hobdy, was at the coast. In consequence the report of the league's work was presented by the vice-chairman. Only a brief summary of that report is now prepared for the Year Book. All that pertained to the purpose of the society and the spirit in which its activities should be conducted is omitted; remarks designed for a particular occasion need not be made a matter of record.

"The number of members was 158. Two meetings were held, in addition to the annual meeting. On March 25 145 men considered certain measures then before the legislature tending to improve physical and moral conditions within the Territory. Though some of the bills in which the league was interested were not enacted, notably the so-called Iowa bill, five other bills became law. This means much.

Congressional Reception. "The second meeting, held on May 15 and attended by 146, was in the nature of a reception to some of the distinguished members of the Congressional party then visiting Hawaii.

"No other features of the year's work seem to call for special comment. The reports of committees showed that the league has carried on its work much as in preceding years. Mr. and Mrs. Wickes, the missionaries who represent the men of the church, are finding conditions in China favorable, they are working with zeal, devotion and ability, and are therefore meeting with success. The friendship section has continued to invite strangers to attend the church services, and has considered plans to extend its scope of activities another year. The big brother movement has been continued. The Pa Ola day camp has been supported as generously as ever."

son is evident. Our music is for pleasure and not for training. What we need is to be taught as a church to sing, to have choruses developed, to make music what it should be, the minister to spiritual life. We can make a trial of this by increasing our appropriation from \$2500 to \$3000 for the first year, and that first year cannot begin until next fall because we cannot get a musical director to give all his time to the work until then. One of our members, Mr. George A. Andrus, will be available after June and if he undertakes the work should go to the mainland for two months to get in touch with what is being done there. What he can do is shown by his fine work at Kamehameha. I believe this one of the most important things Central Union has ever been called upon to do. Without music revivals would be impossible.

Bible School Advance. "The second advance for 1916 is suggested for us by our Bible school. For the past two or three months Mrs. Anna R. Black has been serving as a visitor for the school and has done excellently. We must have some one to do like service for the entire church so as to coordinate more closely the homes with our women's organizations and with other branches of our work. It is impossible for your minister to make more calls than he is doing. In fact he does not know how he succeeded in getting to so many homes last year. That record is not likely to be equaled. Yet the entire parish was not covered by some

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Woman's Board of Missions Now Helping Many

Although Criticized, Annual Report for 1915 Hardly Bears Out Accusation

Mary Atherton Richards, president of the Woman's Board of Missions of Central Union church, has presented the congregation of the church with the following report, which deals with the work which the organization accomplished in 1915:

"Although criticized for stagnation and obsolete methods in the woman's board, the following annual report hardly bears out the accusation. A larger average attendance at the regular meetings; a greater number of regular contributors to the treasury; larger receipts and disbursements; a new department added to the general work; increasing activity on the part of our departmental committees; a monthly world survey of mission fields; a special committee on child welfare; and finally an able committee at work on the revision of our constitution and by-laws, surely go to belie the statement of approaching inactivity.

Meetings Helpful. "The regular meetings of the woman's board have been made especially helpful and interesting by visitors who have had a part on the program. Those who were fortunate enough to listen to the able addresses of Judge Whitney on child welfare, and Mrs. Margaret Evans Huntington on Christ's Last Testament, Mrs. Whitney and Miss Bisher on the life and labors of our honored vice-president, Mrs. Lydia Bingham Coan, so recently joined to her loved ones in the heavenly home, and to tidings of personal work in the mission fields from Misses Harrison, McDonald, Metzner and Taylor and Mrs. Delaporte, will not soon forget the inspiration received. The Lenten services, so fraught with wide spiritual blessing, have taught us the need for such a service in our yearly program.

"The faithful superintendent of our Hawaiian department, Miss Laura Green, was compelled during the year to sever her connection with our board on account of continued ill-health. Miss Rose Latacher is ably filling the position at the present time. We are soon to lose our untiring, efficient, indefatigable and sympathetic superintendent of the Chinese department, Mrs. Elijah McKenzie. May the Lord direct us in the choice of her successor. Miss Gulick and Mrs. Tranquarda, ever faithful, bring us good news and encouraging reports from their labors among the Japanese and Portuguese.

Appeal to Women. "We have one great cause for sorrow and anxiety—that this past year no leader has been found who will reorganize and build up again the work of the Missionary Cleaners. It is not so dearth of missionary interest and endeavor among our young girls—our daughters—cause us deep apprehension, when we consider the life and labor of our own beloved woman's board in the future? I appeal to you women—your mothers of the church—for your prayers and cooperation in this most vital subject.

"Many true and tried ones of our members have been called by the loving Father this year, to receive their reward from His gracious hand. Who are to take their places? Is your daughter or younger sister or Sunday school pupil in training? God grant she is!

"This report must not close without generous acknowledgment being made to the energizing and effective work done by Mrs. Philip Weaver as chairman of the promotion committee last year. To her efforts belong largely the fruits of the increased activity and progress of the woman's board."

MR. SCUDDER TO TALK TO MEN'S LEAGUE MONDAY

The Men's League of Central Union church has taken advantage of Rev. John L. Scudder's visit to Honolulu to secure him as speaker for its meeting next Monday evening. Mr. Scudder will give his famous address, "It Beats the Devil," or "Religion as a Substitute for the Saloon," which has been enthusiastically received in a large number of important churches in and about New York City.

MAKING GEORGIA FAR THE DRIEST OF DRY STATES

Strict Enforcement of Three Prohibition Laws Will Make State Like Sahara Desert

ATLANTA, Ga.—Gov. Nat. E. Harris has signed the three prohibition bills passed by the legislature at the recent extra session. They are said to be the most drastic yet written into the statutes of any state. They become effective May 1, 1916.

The governor used four pens in signing the three bills, and presented one of them to the Georgia Anti-Saloon League, of which Dr. G. W. Eichberger is superintendent; one to Representative H. W. Hopkins of Thomas county, floor leader of the prohibition forces in the house, and one each to Senator Stovall, who introduced the bills in the senate, and Senator Mangum, who took an active part in their passage.

There were present in the governor's office when he signed the bills, in addition to those named, W. S. Witham, Atlanta broker and prohibitionist; Thomas B. Felder, an Atlanta lawyer, who formerly represented the liquor interests in the state, but is now an ardent prohibitionist and helped to draw the bills; Eugene C. Calloway, member of the Atlanta Business Men's Prohibition Committee; Mrs. Mary L. McLendon of Atlanta, head of the Georgia branch of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union; Mrs. W. H. Felton of Cartersville, and Representative J. H. Evans of Sevier county.

The consensus of opinion in the legislature is that Georgia now has the most effective prohibition laws of any in the United States. Taken together, the three bills absolutely eliminate locker clubs and near-beer saloons, together with breweries; will prohibit the shipment of whiskey, wine and beer into the state except in specified small quantities for private use, and will abolish the advertising of whiskey, wine and beer in any form, whether the medium be a newspaper, magazine or other publication published in Georgia or elsewhere, or whether by billboard or street car sign or in any other way.

Upon the fact that the laws are so drastic the opposition base their hopes of overthrowing them in the courts. Members of the legislature who supported the bills admit that the constitution was strained in order to get in certain provisions of each of the bills. For instance, the omnibus bill prohibits the manufacture or sale of any malt drink, whether it contains alcohol or not and whether intoxicating or not. Some lawyers in the legislature hold this to be unconstitutional on the ground that such a drink could not be temperate and therefore is not within the purview of the state's organic law.

The Anti-Shipping bill undertakes to limit the quantity of whiskey, wine and beer which an individual may lawfully keep on hand for his private use. Some members of the legislature declare this to be an infringement upon personal liberty.

The Anti-Advertising bill applies, as said, to publications published outside the state, which some legislators conceive to be an attempt by the state to regulate interstate commerce.

It seems to be a question whether or not these laws will prohibit the serving of wine at communion services at churches, in discussing the bill the house minority claimed that it would, and the prohibitionists never satisfactorily refuted it. However, several prohibitionists have since come forward with a statement that in their opinion the bills will not prohibit wine in churches, as it will not repeat the old prohibition law exempting churches.

In connection with the anti-shipping provision of the law there was a general belief throughout the state that it permitted the receipt monthly by each individual of a maximum of two quarts of whiskey, "and" four quarts of wine "and" 48 pints of beer—a pretty respectable amount of drinkables for those of ordinarily temperate habits.

CENTRAL UNION NAMES OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR

Officers to serve during 1916 were elected at the annual meeting of Central Union church last Wednesday evening as follows: Deacons for three years, Arthur C. Alexander, William J. Forbes; for one year, Walter F. Frear; deaconesses for three years, Mrs. Ida Waterhouse, Mrs. A. C. Alexander; for one year, Miss Agnes Judd; counselors for two years, George F. Waterhouse, John T. Warren; for one year, Lloyd R. Kilham; clerk, Ernest T. Chase; treasurer, Clifton H. Tracy; Bible school superintendent, Vaughan MacCaughy; chief usher, William C. Furer; trustees for three years, Joseph P. Cooke, John Waterhouse and Walter F. Frear.

Bible School of C. U. Sets Many Goals For 1916

Educational Building, Teachers Training Class, and Chorus Proposed Projects

An educational building, the reestablishment of the teachers' training class and the organization of a school choir or chorus are among the 1916 aims of the Central Union Bible school, as outlined in the annual report of Superintendent Vaughan MacCaughy. The report was prepared in conjunction with the recent annual meeting of the church.

The report follows: "A large chart, showing the organization and staff of the Bible school for 1915-16, was printed and generally distributed. This chart is to be considered as an integral part of this report, as are also the appended reports of the associate superintendent and of the secretary.

"A very important feature of this year's work has been the high-grade volunteer service along special lines—secretary's office; library; orchestra; mission work; as well as unusual operation on the part of teachers and department officers.

Educational Plans Needed. "Another marked development has been the completion of the organization to a point which makes a new educational plant a crying necessity. The school is seriously embarrassed by the inadequacy of its present quarters. Departments and classes now meet in three different buildings and a tent, and all the work suffers because of the diffuse and unsuitable character of the quarters. No large advance in educational effectiveness can be made until suitable housing is provided.

"The addition of a school visitor to the staff has been attended with excellent results, which have been shared by all the departments of the school. The visitor supplements and correlates the personal work of teachers and department officers, and gives a thoroughness and system to the work which has been unattainable up to this time. The visitor should be a permanent member of the staff.

"The teachers' training work was given very careful study and supervision by Mr. Fitts, who has won the gratitude of the school officers by the high character and faithfulness of his work. Due to a variety of factors this work was temporarily suspended during the first quarter of this school year, but it will be a distinct loss if this work cannot be resumed shortly.

"The routine business of the school has been excellently handled by the permanent committees (five), and by occasional general sessions.

"Inauguration of a regular system of promotions, with standard promotion cards. Promotions in June; class reorganization in October.

"Special attention has been given to the work of the junior, intermediate and senior groups, with resultant strengthening of the teaching and general work of these groups.

Goals for 1916.

"a. An educational building.

"b. Reestablishment of teachers' training class.

"c. Census or survey of the community, for new pupils.

"d. A school choir or chorus.

"e. A complete school-history of each pupil, as is found in all modern day schools (card catalogue).

"f. Definite enrollment at adolescence of all students in church membership and religious work."

METHODISTS RAISE FUNDS BY CANVASS

A step forward was chronicled last Monday night when the official board of the First Methodist church met to canvass the results of the new financial plan of the church. For two months past the work has been under way, culminating in a visitation day when 10 teams of the men of the church called on every member of the church family. Twenty-five men were employed in the canvass. They traveled over 125 miles, and completed the main part of the work in less than five hours.

The results, briefly summarized, are as follows: The number of regular subscribers will be more than double in 1916 what it was in 1915. The income from subscriptions for the support of the local church increased 50 per cent. The income for mission work and other benevolences increased 60 per cent. Ever since its organization the church has been in part supported by the Methodist board of home missions. But the officials feel that this is no longer necessary, and that they prefer to release funds which have heretofore been devoted to this church and have them used in mission work for other nationalities in the islands. They expect that this will be the last year that such help is needed.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATE MINISTER INSIGHT INTO BIG CHURCH WORK



Rev. Amos A. Ebersole, associate pastor of Central Union church.

Rev. A. A. Ebersole of Central Union Outlines Accomplishments Noted During 1915

A keen insight into the work of the associate pastor of Central Union church, and the various church organizations, during 1915 is given in the annual report of Rev. Amos A. Ebersole, which has been printed and mailed to the members of the congregation.

In part, the report is as follows: "The associate minister, from the very nature of his office, participates in many different lines of activity. His duties are defined only in a very general way in the constitution of the church. Seldom indeed is he called upon to perform the duties of the minister in his absence. During the past year only for a single month—the month of September, was the minister away, when the associate took charge of the church services and attended to the necessary pastoral duties. As for "sharing at all times in the ministerial office," the following may properly be considered as falling under that head:

"Fourteen weddings, 7 funerals, 6 christenings, 10 sermons in Central Union, 12 mid-week services and 6 addresses at other places.

"The associate minister devotes most of his time and energy to other lines of work than those named above. His principal activities for the past year may be listed under the following heads:

Many Duties in 1915.

"Directing the annual canvass for the church budget, supervising the work of the Men's League; secretary of the committee on religious education; member of the executive committee of the Bible school; counselor to the Christian Endeavor Society; teacher, during the winter and spring, of the Thursday morning women's Bible class and the Sunday morning young people's Bible class; teacher, since September, of a Sunday morning "Students' Group"; teacher of the Tuesday evening men's Bible class at the Y. M. C. A.; organizing the men of the church into a "Look-out Committee."

"In charge of publicity work and advertising; member of the Hawaiian Board of Missions; member of the Chinese committee of the Hawaiian board; member of the Sunday school committee of the Hawaiian board; member of the editorial board of "The Friend"; chairman of the evangelistic committee of the Inter-Church Federation; vice-chairman and manager of the Brown-Curry meetings; member of the rehabilitation committee of the Associated Charities; member of the executive committee of the Anti-Saloon League.

"The work of these various organizations, at least those directly connected with the church, will be reported by their respective presidents or chairmen. I wish to speak briefly about the work of the committee on religious education—what it has done and what it hopes to do.

"Although the committee held but two regular meetings during the year, the members of the committee have given much time and thought to our local religious education problem. And that problem consists, first of all, in securing, through the Bible school and specially organized adult Bible classes, the best possible Bible instruction for the children of the church, the young people and the older men and women of the church and community as well. It is concerned, in the second place, in inculcating in the minds and hearts of the children the habit of church attendance and the spirit of worship. And, in the third place, this committee must suggest ways and means for enlisting and training these same young people in such forms of helpful Christian service as are adapted to their various ages.

A Few Problems.

"To speak of the last of these problems first. An earnest effort is being made in the Bible school, to get the different grades and, in some instances, individual classes, to undertake some definite and specific piece of work or form of service. A careful account is to be kept of the gifts of each class this year and the class is to have a voice in deciding what particular part of the benevolences of the Bible school it shall be especially responsible for. In this way it is hoped the children may be taught to give more systematically and with a more intelligent interest.

"The October meeting of the committee was devoted almost wholly to the consideration of the second of the above-named problems, viz: "How to secure a larger attendance and a more vital interest of the boys and girls of the Bible school at the Sunday morning church service." The following recommendations were made and are now being tried out:

"1. That the minister preach a short sermon especially to the children before the regular sermon for the day on the second Sunday of each month.

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C. E. SOCIETY HAS BIG GAIN IN LAST YEAR

An unusually big gain in membership was enjoyed by the Christian Endeavor Society of Central Union church in 1915, according to the annual report of Glenn E. Jackson, president. The report, prepared for the recent annual meeting of the church, is as follows:

"Meetings.—A very profitable year for those who attended the meetings. Miss Andersen and her committee were able to outline subjects which kept up the attendance, especially the first half of the year. Notable among the meetings were those conducted by Mr. Chase, Miss Chandler, Mr. Urice, the pastors, and, during December, the two led by Mr. Brown, the evangelist, at which the room was crowded and forceful messages given.

"One meeting a month was of social character, one was devotional, one aimed to be led by some outsider in a reading and the other a missionary meeting.

The music at Christian Endeavor rendered as special music was of very high character. George Andrus, A. E. Larimer, Mr. French, Mr. Bartlett, Miss Gattfield and Mr. Idler notably.

"Benevolences.—Leah home \$8, Hawaiian Board \$50, Hilo boarding school \$25, Hawaiian Evangelical Association, \$5.

Big Gain in Members.

"Membership.—Began year with about 68 members and ended with 98, a gain of about 50 per cent. The membership includes a great many of the service men for whom the society was able to do a good piece of work, both religiously and socially.

"Philanthropy.—Meetings were held regularly at Beretania and Leah home under the leadership and direction of the society.

"Social.—Held almost monthly. The one at Dr. Scudder's at Hallowe'en was especially successful."

CLERK CHASE REPORTS THIRTY-THREE MEMBERS ADDED TO C. U. CHURCH

Thirty-three new members were added to Central Union church in 1915, as shown in the annual report of Ernest T. Chase, clerk. The report follows:

"Membership, January 1, 1915, 1157. Additions during 1915: On confession of faith, 40; on reaffirmation of faith, 11; by letter, 28. Total additions, 79.

"Removals during 1915: Died, 12; dismissed, 15; dropped, 1; placed on retired list, 18. Total removals, 46.

"Gain in membership in 1915, 33. Membership, January 1, 1916, 1191.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

The fourth in the series on Christ's teachings on fundamental religious subjects will be given next Tuesday evening at 6:45 o'clock at the Y. M. C. A. "What Jesus Says About Faith" is the way Rev. A. A. Ebersole has phrased his topic. All men of the city are invited to be present this coming Tuesday. Complete outlines have been prepared in advance for this lesson and may be secured free of charge at the Y. M. C. A. office. Visitors are always welcome.

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